

REMARKS

By way of the foregoing amendment, claim 10 has been amended to delete the multiple dependency.

Early and favorable consideration with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

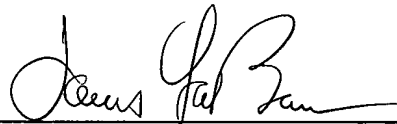
Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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